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| <b><i>Situational Report</i></b>                         |
| <b>COVID-19 Mandate Protests<br/>Operational Impacts</b> |
| <b>February 8, 2022 – 10:30</b>                          |

## Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

### Bottom Line:

#### Ambassador Bridge:

- The SOR ROC was activated on February 7, 2022 at 2100. Border Alert messaging has been issued, and Communications messaging to advise travellers to re-route to Windsor Tunnel and commercial vehicles advised to re-route to the Blue Water Bridge.
- As of February 8, 2022, as of 09:37, the Ambassador Bridge has been closed and all Canadian-bound traffic has been diverted. The Windsor Police Service (WPS) cannot provide a clear traffic lane within the City of Windsor (Huron Church Street) to allow inbound traffic exit or the ability to get off of the bridge. All the United States (US) ramps entering the approach to the bridge (Canada-bound) are blocked.
- One entrance point entering the approach allows for minimal traffic to enter the US, which has not been blocked by protesters at this time.
- The Windsor Police Service have activated their operations centre and is hosting a coordination meeting this morning.
- As a result, the Windsor-Detroit tunnel is experiencing increased traffic at this time. Transport trucks are not permitted through the tunnel.
- Protestors have continued their blockade on city streets around the Ambassador Bridge. So far, there have been no reports of violence. CTC has placed a bulldozer across the opening to the plaza to prevent vehicles from moving closer. The volume of protestors appears to fluctuate.
- Uncorroborated information received from Intelligence that protestors at Windsor have called on Sarnia area protestors to close the highway near the Blue Water Bridge. OPP cannot provide any assurances that the Highway 402 will remain open.
- The border wait time at Sarnia Blue Water Bridge as of 1000 ET is at 60 minutes for trucks entering Canada. Additional resources from other SOR POEs are arriving to assist with keeping all available lanes open.

#### Coutts:

- On February 8, 2022, Coutts POR reports Southbound blockades have commercial traffic backing up with delays increasing. The RCMP have advised early this morning that a single lane was re-opened heading Northbound with minimal traffic. There is currently no wait time heading Northbound.

#### Upcoming protest events:

| Upcoming Events |           |             |
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| ONGOING         | CONFIRMED | UNCONFIRMED |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ottawa – February 8, 2022, Parliament Hill protest continues</li> <li>Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE.</li> <li>Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge, February 8, 2022</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ottawa – February 8, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown.</li> </ul> | <b>CANADA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peace Bridge, SOR – February 20, 2022</li> </ul> <b>US:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington, US Capital - February 8 and 9, 2022, US Freedom Convoy s.38</li> <li>Buffalo – February 11, 2022</li> <li>Port Huron (Sarnia) – February 12, 2022</li> </ul> <b>EUROPE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed)</li> </ul> |
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#### US Protestors Identified at Port of Entries

- Reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhanced Vigilance Exams of potential protestors:

| POE                   | Vehicle # | Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #) | Direct Back | Allowed to Leave | Granted Entry | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC  | 2         | 3                                | 3           | 0                |               | Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Douglas, PAC          | 10        | 21                               | 18          | 3                |               | Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Lansdowne, NOR        | 1         | 2                                |             |                  | 2             | Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.                                                                     |
| Prescott, NOR         | 1         | 1                                |             |                  | 1             | Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC                                                                                                                                        |
| Sault Ste. Marie, NOR | 2         | 2                                | 1           |                  |               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa.</li> <li>Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port</li> </ul> |
| Total                 | 16        | 29                               | 22          | 3                | 3             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

#### **Atlantic Region**

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- No impacts to CBSA operations reported

#### Quebec Region

- o impacts to CBSA operations reported

#### Northern Ontario Region

- No impact to CBSA operations reported.

#### Greater Toronto Area Region

- No impact to CBSA operations reported.

#### Southern Ontario Region

#### Passage count week by week comparison

| # Passages (Persons)                 | 2022-01-31 | 2022-02-07 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                      | Monday     | Monday     |
| Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers | 2216       | 760        |
| Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial | 3804       | 1855       |
| Windsor Tunnel                       | 2216       | 4428       |
| Other Commercial POEs                |            |            |
| Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial  | 2238       | 2817       |
| Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers  | 889        | 877        |

#### Blue Water Bridge

- On February 8, 2022, as of 1000 ET, the border wait time Sarnia Blue Water Bridge is at 60 minutes for trucks entering Canada. Additional resources from other SOR POEs are arriving to assist with keeping all available lanes open
- On February 7 and 8, 2022, the Blue Water Bridge experienced a border wait time between 2200 – 0534 ET of up to 70 min for Canada bound commercial truck traffic, as trucks diverted from the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge. BSOs from Windsor Tunnel and Niagara District were deployed to the BWB for assistance.

#### Ambassador Bridge

As of February 8, 2022, at 09:37 the Ambassador Bridge has been closed and all Canadian-bound traffic diverted as the Windsor Police Service (WPS) cannot provide a clear traffic lane within the City of Windsor (Huron Church Street) to allow inbound traffic exit or the ability to get off of the bridge. All of the United States (US) ramps entering the approach to the bridge (Canada-bound) are blocked. One entrance point entering the approach allows for minimal traffic to enter the US, which has not been blocked by protesters at this time.

- There are three commercial primary lines and one traffic line staffed with BSOs. Employees are able to report to work in intervals when there is an opportunity and alternate routes are being used as much as possible. Alternatively, they are reporting to the offsite location.
- As a result, the Windsor-Detroit tunnel is experiencing increased traffic. Transport trucks are not permitted through the tunnel.
- The event appears to be growing in size as the buildup of the blockade is garnering additional support on social media. There are reports that additional protestors are expected to arrive in the area later this

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morning. Protestors at Windsor have called on Sarnia area protestors to close the highway near the Blue Water Bridge. OPP advised that they cannot provide any assurances that the highway will remain open.

- The protestors at the Ambassador Bridge have moved further north on Huron Church at College Avenue, just south of the CBSA plaza. There has been no significant presence of commercial truck drivers; the majority of protestors are operating personal vehicles. Police report that the group was difficult to deal with last night as they became very aggressive (after consuming various substances). There is no clear leader amongst the protest group for the Police to negotiate with. There is no intention to aggressively remove the group. Police report that criminal files have been opened on participants and tickets issued. Windsor police will step up public communication today in order to sway public opinion away from the protestors

On February 7, 2022, at 2100 ET the SOR Regional Operations Centre (ROC) was activated due to the protest causing a 240 minute border wait time (BWT) at the Ambassador Bridge. CBSA will have a representative at the Windsor Police operations centre today.

- February 7, 2022, BOC distributed a Border Alert at 2059 ET, advising travellers to reroute to Windsor Tunnel and Blue Water Bridge POEs, and commercial vehicles advised to reroute to the Blue Water Bridge. Due to the diversions wait times were experienced at Queenston from 2300 – 0105 ET and Blue Water Bridge between 2200-0534 ET.



### Niagara – Peace Bridge

- On February 7, 2022, at 18:00 ET SOR Intelligence Analysts report uncorroborated open source information of movements originating in the US for February 11, 2022 in Buffalo, February 12 at the Port Huron (Sarnia) border and February 20, 2022 at Peace Bridge. Sentiment throughout seems to be that the convoy to DC can wait and that it is time to support their Canadian brothers / sisters.

## Prairie Region

### Commercial Traffic Volumes

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| # Passages (Persons)    | 2022-01-22<br>Saturday | 2022-01-23<br>Sunday | 2022-01-24<br>Monday | 2022-01-25<br>Tuesday | 2022-01-26<br>Wednesday | 2022-01-27<br>Thursday | 2022-01-28<br>Friday | 2022-01-29<br>Saturday | 2022-01-30<br>Sunday | 2022-01-31<br>Monday | 2022-02-01<br>Tuesday | 2022-02-02<br>Wednesday | 2022-02-03<br>Thursday | 2022-02-04<br>Friday | 2022-02-05<br>Saturday | 2022-02-06<br>Sunday |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Coutts Travellers       | 234                    | 253                  | 188                  | 251                   | 177                     | 232                    | 286                  | 202                    | 22                   | 20                   | 11                    | 9                       | 44                     | 74                   | 68                     | 180                  |
| Coutts Commercial*      | 397                    | 372                  | 361                  | 349                   | 479                     | 588                    | 519                  | 262                    | 23                   | 0                    | 0                     | 0                       | 72                     | 121                  | 150                    | 177                  |
| Del Bonita              | 0                      | 0                    | 43                   | 8                     | 19                      | 33                     | 25                   | 0                      | 186                  | 225                  | 173                   | 224                     | 172                    | 0                    | 0                      | 0                    |
| Carway                  | 47                     | 78                   | 29                   | 21                    | 24                      | 28                     | 30                   | 35                     | 211                  | 127                  | 132                   | 97                      | 90                     | 81                   | 139                    | 161                  |
| Aden                    | 1                      | 0                    | 0                    | 1                     | 2                       | 0                      | 4                    | 3                      | 32                   | 11                   | 17                    | 8                       | 13                     | 14                   | 14                     | 14                   |
| Other Commercial POEs   |                        |                      |                      |                       |                         |                        |                      |                        |                      |                      |                       |                         |                        |                      |                        |                      |
| Regway                  | 41                     | 30                   | 57                   | 40                    | 46                      | 64                     | 63                   | 39                     | 78                   | 66                   | 117                   | 85                      | 103                    | 85                   | 49                     | 49                   |
| Roosville               | 72                     | 150                  | 105                  | 70                    | 143                     | 146                    | 146                  | 99                     | 271                  | 223                  | 167                   | 169                     | 187                    | 155                  | 131                    | 226                  |
| North Portal Travellers | 43                     | 35                   | 74                   | 59                    | 48                      | 71                     | 73                   | 73                     | 83                   | 72                   | 69                    | 53                      | 66                     | 94                   | 59                     | 71                   |
| North Portal Commercial | 335                    | 258                  | 205                  | 290                   | 316                     | 393                    | 377                  | 334                    | 280                  | 223                  | 268                   | 458                     | 426                    | 305                  | 322                    | 351                  |

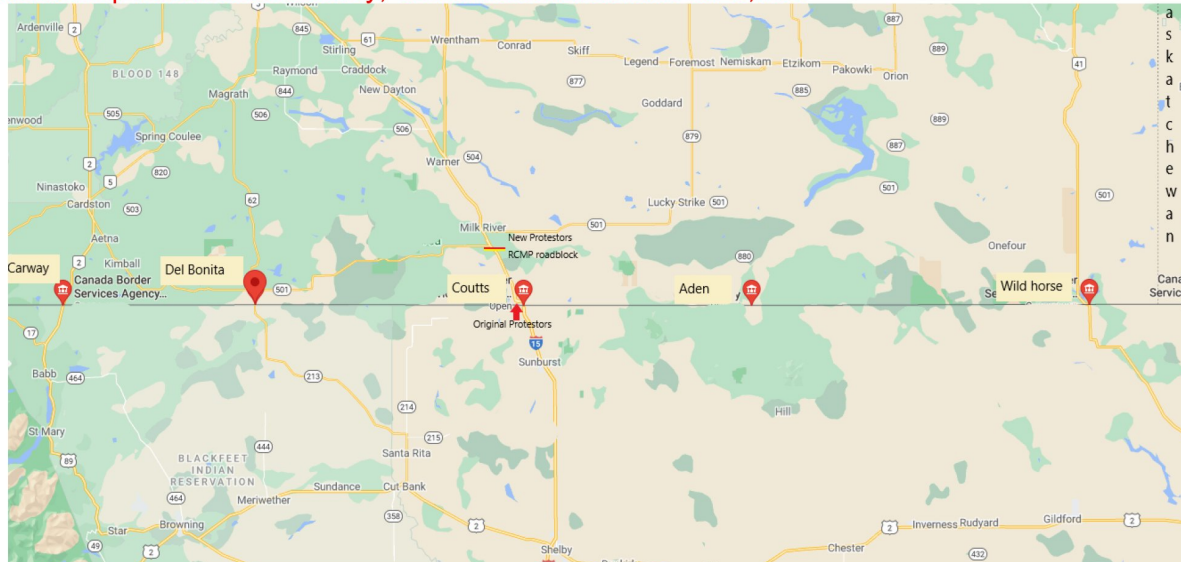
## Carway

- On February 7, 2022, from 1653 to 1730 ET, Carway POE reported a protest convoy had blocked the north and southbound lanes of Highway 2 north of the POE with tractors, stopping traffic in both directions. The convoy consisted of approximately ten passenger vehicles and 12 pieces of agriculture equipment.

## Coutts

On February 8, 2022, as of 0930 ET, POE reports minimal traffic this morning. The protestors blocked off the Highway in the town of Coutts and 20 kilometers North of the POE for a few hours in the middle of the night. The RCMP advised early this morning that a single lane was re-opened heading Northbound. Commercial vehicle traffic has been minimal; 31 drivers/pax between midnight and 06:00h. There is currently no wait time heading Northbound. Southbound blockades have commercial traffic backing up with delays increasing.

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



## Northgate

On February 8, 2022, as of 0907 ET, POE reports that a Canadian vehicle carrying a bale of hay painted with "Freedom" stopped just north of POE on February 7, 2022, where they took a quick picture blocking the road. No traffic was affected and the vehicle immediately departed after taking the photograph.

## Pacific Region

- Pacific Highway POE reported that on February 7, 2022, at approx. 1900h PST a group of 20-30 vehicles were observed staging a 'freedom protest' approximately 1.5 kms north of the Pacific Highway POE. RCMP were onsite and monitored the group who held signs but did not block or impede vehicular flow in either direction on the highway. No operational impacts.

## Intelligence and Enforcement

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## Intelligence Landscape

**BLUF:** As of February 8, 2022, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

### ANALYSIS:

#### General Threats

- **No change to posture.** According to the RCMP, no formal organized plot of violence has been identified. Factors such as the circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, altercations amongst protesters and with law enforcement and the influence of ideologically motivated actors or charismatic speakers may impact the temperature of the crowd. The potential for violence by a lone actor or fringe group cannot be discounted.
- The City of Ottawa declared a state of emergency at 16:15 ET on Feb 6th and OPS tweeted on FEB6 at 14:30 ET that enforcement is underway and “anyone attempting to bring material supports to the demonstrations could be subject to arrest”. On Feb 6<sup>th</sup> OPS officers conducted an enforcement operation at the baseball stadium parking lot that's been serving as a staging area for the protesters in the downtown core. Police removed vehicles and at least one tanker of fuel that was stored at the Coventry Road lot.
- **No update.** Partners received reports that a member of the public who claimed to work for CBSA (unconfirmed) was at the Marriott/Hampton Inn near the old RCMP HQ and stated that she heard Queen Romana DIDULO/Queen of Canada was planning to bomb Parliament via the tunnel system. No other information was obtained as the complainant stated they had to go and drove off to possibly do security at the parking lot where the truckers have been staying all week next to the hotel. Vehicle plate was snow covered. Partners could not corroborate these claims at this time. RCMP INSET has been notified. CBSA NOR Intelligence continuing to monitor situation.
- **No update.** Demonstrations also occurred at the Ottawa International Airport. Airport Authority confirmed they were aware of demonstrators on the ramp on the departure level (3rd floor). CBSA was not advised of any implications. No operational impact.
- **No update.** Partners received information that an individual may be supplying weapons to protestors. This individual may have been previously imprisoned in the Yukon for weapons trafficking. Partners is undertaking OSINT to gather additional information about this individual.
- No update. OPS intelligence advise of a Discord chat “World Freedom Information Hub” which mentions that “convoy to Ottawa and convoy east” have a plan in place and are organizing a new convoy to Ottawa.

#### POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, s.38 [REDACTED] indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- At Coutts On February 7, 2022 as of 2143 MT, the RCMP notified the on duty superintendent at the port that the protestors have blocked the highway again. It is unknown how long the protestors will block traffic but the RCMP will keep the peace and attempt to negotiate with the protestors in the morning. USCBP were advised by the RCMP to stop northbound traffic. There is no direct impact to CBSA operations as the blockade is north of the port.
- On February 8, 2022, as of 0500 ET, the Blue Water Bridge Commercial Operations (Blue Water Bridge) reports Commercial traffic is backed up to U.S. tolls due to being diverted from Ambassador Bridge.
- On 2022-02-07, at 21:00 Hours the ROC in SOR was activated due to the Freedom Convoy protest causing a 240 minute Border Wait Time (BWT) at the Ambassador Bridge. As of 22:29 Hours, all vehicles have been cleared from the Ambassador Bridge by utilizing a secondary exit from the operation and all Canadian bound traffic is being held on the US side of the bridge until the protestors have been cleared.
- On February 7, 2022 as of 1738 CT, the blockade at Carway POE has ended. All convoy and the RCMP proceeded north on Highway 2. Operations at the POE resumed as of 1730hrs.
- At approximately 14:45, a slow rolling demonstration is taking place in close proximity to the Port of Pacific Highway Operations. A peaceful group of approximately 20 to 30 light vehicles, displaying Canadian flags and various freedom support messages have been driving slowly in a circle between 4th Avenue and 2nd Avenue along 176th Street. Surrey RCMP notified and are currently monitoring the protest. Neighboring POEs, USCBP, Regional Intelligence, local Chiefs and area Director have been briefed. Operational impact

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to both Commercial and Traffic Operations has been minimal as the slow rolling protest remains clearly off of POE property. South bound commercial truck volumes remain low.

### ***Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)***

- **No update.** According to the RCMP, while chatter encouraging peaceful and lawful protest continues to circulate, concerns exist that protest events associated with the convoy could be exploited by individuals who engage in or promote actions that pose a risk to public and officer safety. To date there has been one reported POE encounter with an individual expressing extremist ideology. On Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, an individual ran the port at Sault Ste. Marie after expressing support for QAnon influencer Romana Didulo: "Queen Ramona has lifted all the mandates. The Trudeau Government has fallen and the Alliance is in charge. Queen Ramona has told us to report anyone who enforcing these mandates." In 2021 Didulo supporters in Canada had hand delivered fake "cease and desist" orders to the Carson, Cascade, Paterson, Waneta, Nelway, Rykerts, & Kingsgate POEs. In 2021 Didulo urged her armed followers to kill individuals involved in administering the COVID vaccination program and also any individuals who enforce government mandated COVID restrictions or requirements for vaccination.

### ***Other Threats***

- **Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.
- **SOR reports that there are two movements from the US are starting online; poster circulating for February 11 in Buffalo; February 12 in Port Huron border and February 20th at Peace Bridge. Sentiment throughout seems to be that the convoy to DC can wait and that's it time to support their Canadian brothers / sisters now so go to the borders in support.**
- **No Update:** US news sites are reporting that Facebook has removed the Facebook pages associated to "Convoy to D.C. 2022" being used to organize truckers to drive from California to Washington D.C. Media reporting states that Facebook has also removed the pages for the other planned US-based protest convoys originating in Texas and Florida. Social media and news websites in the US indicated that there is an online movement, which was focused on Facebook pages entitled "Freedom Convoy 2022", to organize protest convoys of US truckers from Texas and Florida which would converge on Washington D.C. with tentative planned arrival time in D.C. of February 8<sup>th</sup>. The organizers of Freedom Convoy 2022 reportedly moved their online operations to Telegram, with at least 28,000 individuals joining that Telegram page. There is no reporting at this time to indicate that the proposed US convoys plan to enter Canada.

### **Communications**

- **SOR Communications has issued Tweets and updates about the service disruption at Ambassador Bridge, advising of alternate POES.**

### **Other Governmental Departments**

- **February 8, 2022 as of 0827 ET, Transport Canada has modified the NOTAM over Queens Park in Toronto until 1900 ET on 13FEB2022.**
- **February 7, 2022, as of 1700 ET partner agency reports minimal people (200) on Parliament Hill, Wellington and surrounding streets. There were no reported incidents overnight. Police resources will continue to conduct fuel seizures, when safe to do so. Based on Telegram conversations, it appears that protesters plan to continue with their decoy jerry can plans today. Some protesters claim they plan to put water and windshield wiper fluid in the jerry cans to confuse police.**
- **Court grants injunction to silence honking in downtown Ottawa for 10 days. [Link](#)**

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